

Tropical Depression 12W

Tropical Depression (TD) 12W formed in the South China Sea on 18 September, then moved northwest and made landfall in Vietnam 36 hours later. It remained a poorly organized system, reaching a maximum intensity of 30 kt while 30 nm off the Vietnamese coast.

JTWC first mentioned this monsoon trough disturbance located off the Vietnam coast in the 170600Z September Significant Tropical Weather Advisory. On 171100Z September, a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert was issued on the suspect area, and the first JTWC warning was issued at 180900Z September. TD 12W remained south of the mid-tropospheric subtropical ridge throughout its existence and as a result, tracked persistently northwestward. TD 12W made landfall near Cua Ho, Vietnam around 191800Z September and rapidly dissipated over land. After seven warnings, the final warning was issued on 192100Z September.

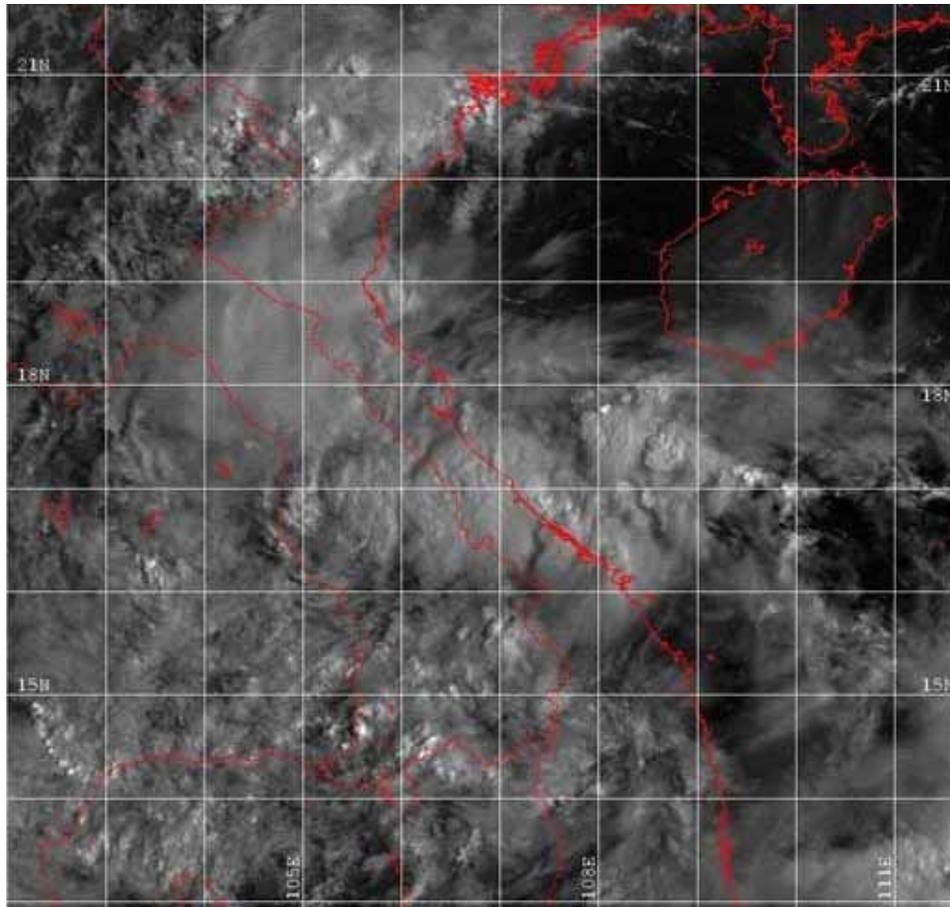


Figure 3-12-1. 190032Z GMS visible imagery indicating a poorly organized TD 12W moving toward the Vietnam coast.

